

**Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
**Full Task Force**  
Conference Call  
March 19, 2009  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Summary of Minutes

Committee Members

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| Ausley, Lorraine   | absent |
| Bailet, Laura      | absent |
| Benson, Holly      | absent |
| Berkman, Karen     | absent |
| Block, Lance       | absent |
| Brosco, Jeffrey    | absent |
| DeBeaugrine, Jim   |        |
| Demko, Tamara      |        |
| Dowds, Debra       |        |
| Emken, Elizabeth   | absent |
| Hill, Kimberly     | absent |
| Homant, Susanne    |        |
| Houghland, Patty   | absent |
| Jackson, Jarl      | absent |
| Kanjian, Robert    | absent |
| Kompothecras, Gary | absent |
| La Belle, Richard  | absent |
| Llorente, Marcelo  | absent |
| Lockman, Bambi     |        |
| Marino, Dan        | absent |
| Perkins, Randal    | absent |
| Precourt, Lisa     | absent |
| Purvis, Kelly      | absent |
| Ring, Jeremy       | absent |
| Ros, Ana Viamonte  |        |
| Sequenzia, Ven     | absent |

Department of Health Staff

Howard, Catherine  
Taylor, Lona

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Staff

Copley, Kimberly

*Call began at 1:06 p.m.*

Ms. Demko stated that she has requested an extension to turn in the final report to the Governor's Office until next Friday, March 27, 2009.

She stated that Dr. Brosco has forwarded edits to the Screening and Diagnosis sections that she will be incorporating. He also submitted draft diagram of a conceptualized system of care for Florida for the State Roadmap section. She will modify it to more closely reflect Task Force recommendations and forward it out to the group for input.

Ms. Demko shared the feedback she has received to Dr. Homant's proposed edit to the letter to the Governor that she brought forward during the last conference call. All members that she received comments from stated that they would prefer to keep any statement regarding consensus on the recommendations where they are currently in the report.

Dr. Homant again explained why she would prefer a statement on the lack of consensus on immunizations to be included in the letter to the Governor.

There was discussion regarding this suggestion.

In response to this discussion, Ms. Demko will add a general statement to the letter alerting the Governor that there was not complete consensus on every recommendation. She will forward out the new language to the group for review and approval.

Based on feedback from Dr. Brosco via email, Ms. Demko stated that the Early Steps Workgroup final recommendations will be included in Screening and Diagnosis section.

Dr. Berkman asked Ms. Demko via email for an update on the insurance compact. Ms. Demko stated that to the best of her knowledge there are still no signatories. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, insurers covered in the bill will have to comply with the mandate portion of the legislation.

Ms. Lockman stated that she has a few edits to the glossary. She will forward them to Ms. Demko.

Having no further feedback on the body of the report the call was concluded.

*Call concluded at 1:30 p.m.*

Taken By: Catherine Howard